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COUPLE, IN PRISON FIVE YEARS FOR MURDER, INNOCENT

Man and Wife Were Convicted for Murder of Boarder at Marcus Hook

VICTIM FOUND STABBED; ACCUSED PHILA. MAN

Mary Miracho, cook at the Eastern Penitentiary, and her husband Jackino, who lived in Marcus Hook before they were imprisoned for second degree murder five years ago, will walk out of that institution within a week, freed of a crime which the State Pardon Board is now convinced they did not commit.

Five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Miracho were convicted in Chester County of the murder of a man named Peter Garage, who had come to board with them in their home at Marcus Hook. Nobody knew Garage, who arrived with his son. He said his wife was dead.

One day Garage was found stabbed. Miracho was away from home, off looking at a house he intended to buy. Mrs. Miracho found the woman named Garage, who had come to board with them in their home at Marcus Hook. Nobody knew Garage, who arrived with his son. He said his wife was dead.

Stabbed By Phila. Man
Garage told those around him that he had been stabbed by a man from Philadelphia. Later, just before he was given ether for the operation, an interpreter talked to him in Italian. Afterwards, at the trial, this interpreter testified that Garage had accused Mr. and Mrs. Miracho of the crime, and they were convicted.

Then began a train of mysterious circumstances which in the end formed the basis of the couple's pardon. Less than twenty-four hours after Garage died a woman who said she was his wife, and proved it, came to the jail. She told an amazing story. She said her husband had killed a man in Utica, N. Y., which afterward was proved to be the case. She said he had "died" and she had been in another town, and then had attempted her life.

Recovered in Hospital
She was found, sent to the hospital, and ultimately recovered. Her husband apparently believed she was dead and had come to Philadelphia to find him, fearing that he would try again to kill her.

The wife of Garage went to the priest at Marcus Hook and told her story. He sent her on to the District Attorney. A defense was prepared for the Mirachos, who had been indicted for murder, and a witness was recovered who said he would tell the name of the real murderer of Garage when he went on the witness stand. Whether it was coincidence or design, Miracho told her husband mysteriously on a visit to Philadelphia just on the eve of the trial.

When the trial came up Garage's name was not made known in view of the later facts, pleaded together by Mrs. Charles Pawling Plummer, of the Pennsylvania Prison Society, and developed before the Pardon Board by Senator Samuel J. May, Jr. Miracho, it seemed evident that there had been ample reason for several persons, relatives of Garage's own victims, to have sought vengeance against him. There was no motive apparently for the Mirachos to wish to kill him.

The granting of the pardon has been announced and the document is being expected any day. The husband and wife will owe their freedom to the efforts of Mr. Salus and Mrs. Plummer. Mrs. Plummer saw Mrs. Miracho on her daily visits to the prison, and the woman always said she was in jail for "murdering" her husband. She told her story; Mrs. Plummer became interested and began an investigation of her own which took her to various cities, among them Rome, Utica, Buffalo and Rochester, in New York and various small towns in Pennsylvania.

FIRES 3 SHOTS INTO BREST

Man Commits Suicide in Bathroom of His Home

Richard A. Huebner, thirty-three years old, of 2748 South Smalley street, killed himself at 12:45 o'clock this morning by firing three bullets into his breast.

Mrs. Huebner, who heard shots from the bathroom, rushed in and found her husband dying. She called the police of the Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue station, and the dying man was taken to St. Agnes' Hospital. He lived only a few minutes.

The wife said the only reasons she knew for her husband's suicide were a prolonged illness and lack of work. They had no children.

BEATEN AND ROBBED

Victim Loses \$11 Returning From Visit to Fiancee's Home

James Benner, twenty-one years old, 2722 North Sydenham street, walked home from calling on his fiancee last night by way of Seventeenth street and Sedgeley avenue, and fell into the hands of a hold-up man. He had passed an open man in rough clothes, with caps pulled low over their eyes, stepped out of the shadow.

The victim says he attempted to strike one of the hold-up men, and received a sharp rap over the elbow with a blackjack.

Then the other man held a gun against his heart, and said: "Don't try that again, or you're a dead one." They got \$11 from him, then backed away, saying as they went: "Don't tell any one about this, or we'll get you."

Benner reported the hold-up to the police.

GIRLS REACH HONOR ROLL IN MOVIE CONTEST



THESE GIRLS, WITH THOSE WHOSE PICTURES APPEAR IN THE DAILY MOVIE MAGAZINE TODAY, ARE ON THE HONOR ROLL IN THE MOVIE BEAUTY CONTEST NOW BEING CONDUCTED TO PICK THREE GIRLS FOR STARDOM WITH THE BETSWOOD FILM CO.

'DEAD' WIFE BACK AFTER 19 YEARS

Feminine 'Enoch Arden' Causes Arrest of Man Who Married Again Last August

NO. 2 GOES PRISONER'S BAIL
A wife he said he believed was dead and whom he had not seen for nineteen years caused the arrest today of William Hansel, forty-seven years old, 4722 Darrah street, Frankford, who married again nine months ago.

Hansel was arrested at his home by District Detective Dougherty, of the Frankford station, on a warrant based on an affidavit by the Rev. Wm. C. Kilpatrick, who married the defendant to Miss Jane H. Kerslake last August.

Hansel was arraigned in Central Station today before Magistrate Carson, who held him in \$500 bail for a further hearing Monday. Mrs. Hansel No. 2, who is forty-two years old, was at the whoehearing, but the first wife did not appear.

The accused man said his first wife left him one year after their marriage twenty years ago. Mrs. Hansel No. 1, through an attorney, alleged her husband deserted her eighteen years ago.

Both have been living in this city ever since and say they never met after the separation. Mrs. Hansel No. 2 offered bail for the defendant today. She insisted on the magistrate's accepting her surety, arguing that if she was not legally wedded the law against a wife going bail for her husband did not apply in this case.

Wife No. 1 was Miss Anna May Hartin and gave her address at 304 Freeman street at the time of her marriage twenty years ago. The first license was traced by Thomas Brannin, a clerk in the marriage license office.

MERELY A MOVING MISHAP

Bureau Falls Three Stories From Window—Hits Woman

Mrs. Jennie Fisher, fifty-eight years old, 3317 North American street, was struck yesterday afternoon by a bureau which dropped from the third-story window of a house on Tenth street above York.

According to the police, Jacob Weinberg, who was moving, had balanced the bureau at the window ledge, preparatory to lowering it to the street, when it got away from him and fell against Mrs. Fisher as she was passing. It struck her a glancing blow. The injured woman was taken to the Episcopal Hospital, where the surgeons dressed injuries to her back.

Weinberg was arrested by the police of the Park and Lehigh avenues station and given a hearing at that station house today by Magistrate Gleann. Mrs. Fisher was still too ill to appear against him, and he was held in \$400 bail for a further hearing May 28.

MINGO CITIZENS ARMED

Guns and Pistols Distributed as Martial Law Begins

Williamson, W. Va., May 21.—(By A. P.)—Major Tom Davis, who was sent here last night by Governor Morgan to enforce the Governor's proclamation of martial law in Mingo County, today visited the towns along the Tug River where disorders occurred last week. He found the country peaceful and quiet.

Rifles and pistols were distributed among the citizens who have been sworn in as State policemen for the emergency.

All Right, Boys, Let's Go! Keep Your Eye on Sister

For sister's a "reg'lar feller," and when her eye lights on Page 11, look out!

There's a fine chance for all of you boys and girls—an opportunity to capture a possession you'll covet. But it's the fast-steppers who'll win.

Turn, quick, to—Page 11.

WHEREVER THERE ARE MOVIE FANS THERE ARE MOVIE ASPIRANTS, TOO

Movie fans are numbered by the million. And eight out of ten sit in the darkened houses, fascinated, dreaming rosy dreams of what they would do if only they had a chance to act for the magic screen.

That chance is here for you today. The Betswood Film Co. wants three girls for comedy roles for its "Toonerville Trolley" series. All that is necessary is a photograph that shows you have the looks and the personality.

Send Yours In Today

You yourself do not know whether or not you have a chance at this coveted prize. Our judges may decide you are just the type they want. Send in your picture and see.

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MADAME CURIE DEDICATES GOVERNMENT LABORATORY

Specimens of Carnotite Ore From Which Radium Is Obtained Given Scientist

Washington, May 21.—(By A. P.)—Madame Marie Curie, who received a gram of radium yesterday from President Harding, set in motion today the machinery of the new low temperature laboratory of the Bureau of Mines. A distinguished gathering of Government officials and prominent scientists from all parts of the country was present to welcome Madame Curie and witness the dedication ceremonies.

Due to fatigue, which made it impossible for her to remain at the laboratory more than a few minutes, Madame Curie was unable to deliver a dedicatory address. The ceremonies were curtailed, Madame Curie replying briefly to addresses of welcome by Dr. H. Foster Bain, director of the bureau and Dr. R. B. Moore, chief chemist of the bureau. Later she pressed a button that set in motion the complicated machinery of the laboratory.

On behalf of Gordon Kimball, of Ouray, Col., Madame Curie was presented with a large specimen of carnotite ore, from which radium is obtained, said by scientists to be one of the finest specimens of radium-bearing ore ever obtained in the United States. She also was presented with a bottle of ore, forwarded by Mr. Kimball, part of the first shipment of carnotite ore ever made in this country. It was mined in 1898 before its radium-bearing values were known. Madame Curie said both specimens would be placed in her museum in Paris.

AMERICAN STORE ROBBED

Thieves Smash Safe Combination and Force With \$289

Robbers forced a rear window of the American Stores Co.'s store at 333 South Twentieth street early this morning, smashed the combination of the safe and escaped with \$289.

The robbery was not discovered until the store was opened at 8 o'clock. A heavy iron grating was torn from a rear window.

RICH WOMAN STOLE IN GUISE OF MAID

Injuries in Auto Smash Said to Have Made Chicago Broker's Wife Kleptomaniac

HAD A LARGE ALLOWANCE

By the Associated Press
Chicago, May 21.—An automobile accident, which resulted in injuries leading to kleptomania, was blamed by relatives and physicians today for the acts of Mrs. Joseph S. Heil, wife of a wealthy broker, who confessed last night, according to police, that for more than a year she had been robbing the homes of wealthy families by posing as a maid.

The case was one of the most unusual on Chicago's police records. Mrs. Heil, with an allowance of \$300 a month from her husband, two automobiles and a magnificent home, forged references, according to her alleged confessor, and obtained employment as a maid in fashionable North Shore homes, robbing them when she left. She was identified by four former employers. All said she was a "perfect maid," and showed such efficiency that she was trusted fully.

Her loot ranged from canary bird cages to valuable pieces of jewelry. A number of platinum pins and diamond rings were being traced today by the police through pawnshops found in Mrs. Heil's home.

Her husband recently had given her a small apartment building, it was said by relatives, and Mrs. Heil was quoted as saying that much of the property she stole was used in furnishing it.

Mr. Heil refused for some time to believe the charges against his wife. "Why, I can cash my personal check for \$250,000 at any Chicago bank," he told reporters. "Why should my wife's income was said to be more than \$150,000 a year, and she has a married daughter, eighteen years old.

FOUND—\$40.00 NECKLACE

Property of Supposed Smuggler Picked Up on N. Y. Pier

New York, May 21.—(By A. P.)—A pearl necklace with platinum clasp, valued at \$40,000, was picked up today by a customs guard at the pier where the Aquitania docked last night.

The necklace did not appear in the ship's manifest, and the property was advanced that it had been lost or thrown away by some one attempting to smuggle it into the country.

EX-GOVERNOR ARRESTED

Former Executive of Florida Charged With Peonage

Albany, Ga., May 21.—(By A. P.)—Sidney J. Catts, former Governor of Florida, was arrested here today on a Federal warrant from Florida charging peonage.

Catts' bond was fixed at \$2500 when he was arraigned before United States Commissioner George White. Bond has not yet been furnished.

OUR GOLF TEAM DEFEATS BRITONS, 9 MATCHES TO 3

Americans Sweep Foursomes and Win Five of Eight Single Tilts at Hoylake

TOLLEY TROUNCES EVANS; PLATT LOSES TO ARMOUR

By the Associated Press
Hoylake, England, May 21.—The American golf stars decisively defeated their English opponents in the first international golf match here today. The Americans made a clean sweep of the foursomes and captured five of the eight singles matches.

The net result of the day's play was nine victories for the Americans against three for the British.

Individual matches resulted as follows: Cyril Tolley, the British amateur golf champion, defeated Charles W. (Chick) Evans, American amateur champion, in their individual match this afternoon. Tolley's victory was by 4 up and 3 to play.

Francis Gilmer, runner-up in the United States Golf Championship Tournament in 1920, beat J. L. C. Jenkins, of Troon, by 6 up and 5 to play.

Robert T. (Bobby) Jones, of Atlanta, defeated R. H. De Montaubency by 4 up and 3 to play.

Jesse P. Guilford, of Boston, defeated George O. Simpson by 2 up and 1 to play. The match was a close one, Guilford being only 1 up at the ninth hole.

C. C. Aylmer, of Ranohlagh, defeated Dr. Paul Hunter, of Los Angeles, champion of Southern California, by 2 up and 1 to play. At the ninth hole Hunter and Aylmer were all square.

T. D. Armour, of Lotbiniere, beat J. Wood Platt, the Philadelphia champion, by 2 up and 1 to play. Frederick J. Wright, of Boston, champion of Massachusetts, defeated E. W. E. Holderness, of Walton Heath, by two holes.

W. C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh, the veteran golfer, defeated Roger Wethered, of Worplesdon, by 3 up and 1 to play. Wethered was 1 up at the ninth.

Gallery Follows Evans
When the first of the individual matches began the weather was extremely hot. A tremendous crowd followed Tolley and Evans. Tolley won the first hole, three strokes to four, and the second hole, two strokes to one. The second hole was halved in four, and at the third Tolley ran down a four-yard putt for four, being then 2 up. Evans scored the next, 3 to 4. Tolley was again 2 up at the fifth. The sixth and seventh were halved, while Tolley won the eighth and ninth, which he turned 4 up.

Tolley was too strong with his approach to the pin at the tenth hole which Evans won in 4 to 6, but after a half in 3 at the eleventh the American led the next hole, 4 to 6, through being halved. He was again behind at the thirteenth and lost in 3 to 4, making Tolley dormie 5. The Englishman lost the next hole, but secured a half at the fifteenth, which gave him the match by 4 up and 3 to play.

Outcome 6 Up at Turn
In the match between Ounim and Jenkins, the American won the first three holes. At the third Jenkins played for the hole while Ounim's ball was hanging over the lip of the cup and knocked it in, thereby giving the hole to the American.

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MARINE WORKERS ACCEPT 15 PER CENT WAGE CUT

Agree to Shipping Board Demand in Strike Settlement Conference

Washington, May 21.—(By A. P.)—Acceptance of the 15 per cent wage reduction for marine engineers demanded by the Shipping Board, but with modifications as to working conditions, is understood to be included in an agreement reached here today at conferences between Secretary Davis, Chairman Benson, of the board, and representatives of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association.

The changes in working conditions and overtime, it was indicated, would bring the actual reduction in wages to somewhat less than 15 per cent. Secretary Davis W. S. Jenkins, of the Shipping Board, and the marine engineers' representatives will go to New York today to confer with the American Ship Owners' Association in an effort to have it agree to the terms also. Until such an agreement is reached, Secretary Davis said he preferred not to make public the terms.

The radio operators, Mr. Davis said, would agree to the terms accepted by the marine engineers and it is understood that Andrew Furuseth, president of the Seamen's Union, will sign a similar agreement.

Admiral Benson will submit the proposal to ship owners and it was expected that the agreement would be signed some time today by representatives of the engineers here and the Shipping Board here.

While the radio operators were not represented at today's conference, it has been assured that a separate agreement will be reached between them and the Shipping Board, based upon that with the engineers. Andrew Furuseth, president of the Seamen's Union, it is understood, will sign a similar agreement for that organization.

Remorse-Stricken Moyer Is Now Broken in Health

Ex-Cashier of North Penn Bank Wails at Night for Children—Annoyed Toomey, His Cellmate

Ralph Moyer, serving a term of from twelve to fifteen years in the Eastern Penitentiary for helping wreck the North Penn Bank, is reported to be broken in health and spirits, a prey to remorse for his past and anxiety for the future of his children.

Charles Toomey, who embezzled a fortune from an estate in the care of the Fidelity Trust Co., and was sentenced to ten to thirty years in the same institution, is Moyer's cellmate in what is known as "Twelve Block" in the Penitentiary, and is doing what he can to make the younger man's outlook more hopeful.

"I have a hard time getting to sleep the way Moyer cries for his children every night," Toomey told a friend. "It is pitiful to hear him. Scarcely a night passes that he does not tell me how sorry he is for what he did, and how differently he would order his life if he had it all to do over again."

There is just one thing that he wants, and that one thing is his constant concern and prayer, that his children may grow up good.

Toomey tried to cheer him up, to get him to go out and take exercise, but it is a difficult job.

Moyer, broken down with grief over his separation from his family and the disgrace he feels he has brought on them, has aged perceptibly.

The former bank employee, both clever accountants, are working nights on the Penitentiary's accounts. Toomey was assistant to Harry Barne, who figured in a sensational jewelry store robbery at Fifteenth and Walnut streets in 1919, and is serving from eight to ten years, and Moyer as assistant to

MAN, IN PISTOL BATTLE, DRIVES OFF RUM THIEVES

Detects Robbers Rolling Out Barrels of His Private Stock

James J. Burns fought a revolver battle with robbers early this morning when they made a try for some of his private stock. He lives at 4727 Sansom street and his cellar is said to be well stocked.

About 3 o'clock Mr. Burns heard a noise and looking out of the second-story back window he saw a motor-truck and a touring car standing nearby and two men rolling a barrel of whiskey from his cellar. Running back he got his pistol and returned in time to see another of his whiskey barrels make its appearance. He fired two shots, the handle, replied, then fled. The whiskey, consisting of two full barrels, a demijohn and another of alcohol, were left standing on the pavement.

Neighbors telephoned for the police and details hurried to the scene in time to help put the whiskey back into the cellar. A month ago several motorcycle policemen fought a duel with robbers who were after the same stock.

YOUNG WOMAN KILLS HERSELF WITH PISTOL

CINCINNATI, OHIO, May 21.—Mrs. William G. Fisher, twenty-five years old, San Francisco, ended her life early today by firing a revolver bullet into her right temple, when in her bedroom in the apartment of her aunt, Mrs. Kathryn Clark, here. Mrs. Clark told police she could ascribe no motive for Mrs. Fisher's act.

MORE SHOOTING IN TUG RIVER VALLEY

WILLIAMSON, W. VA., May 21.—Within a few hours after the authorities, after examining their morning reports from the Upper Tug River Valley, had announced that all was quiet, they were informed that the little mining town of Merrimac, the scene of much shooting the past ten days, had again been fired upon. There were no casualties, the reports said.

GENERAL STRIKE THREATENED IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, May 21.—Failure of the Argentine Government to accede to demands of union leaders to "officialize" work in the port zone here may result in a general strike. The time limit given the government by the unions in their virtual ultimatum expired at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and an hour later union delegates met the Minister of Finance to learn the government's decision. The result of the interview was not made public, but general meetings of cart men and stevedores were called for today for the consideration of measures the two unions may adopt.

HARVEY HOTLY ASSAILED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Ambassador Harvey was attacked in the House today by Representative Stevenson, Democrat, South Carolina, who objected to Mr. Harvey's statement at the Pilgrims' dinner in London that the United States "entered the war to save its hide—not to save civilization."

\$25,000 GEM THEFT IN AMBLER HOME OF R. B. STRASSBURGER

Mystery in French Girl's Arrest Explained—Marjorie Bourne's Jewels Stolen

RICH PEARLS AND TIARA GIVEN UP TO STATE POLICE



MISS MARJORIE BOURNE

The \$25,000 jewel robbery near Ambler, which has been shrouded in secrecy by the State police, was committed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beaver Strassburger, Normandy Farm, Gwynedd Valley.

Mr. Strassburger, whose magnificent French chateau, with its broad acres, is one of the show places of this part of the country, talked freely today of the robbery.

The jewels, a \$20,000 pearl necklace and a \$5000 tiara, are the property of Miss Marjorie Bourne, of Oakdale, L. I., sister of Mrs. Strassburger, and one of the beneficiaries of the \$30,000 estate of the late Commodore Frederick G. Bourne.

Madeline Grammer, the maid, who State police allege, confessed the robbery is in the Norristown jail. She was held in \$2500 bail yesterday by Magistrate Urban, of Ambler.

Mr. Strassburger said that Miss Bourne came to Normandy Farm ten days ago to visit Mrs. Strassburger, who was Miss Mary Bourne.

After several days Miss Bourne interrupted her stay there to visit other friends for a few days. She forgot her jewels and left the tiara and the necklace in a bureau drawer in her luxurious bedroom on the second floor, part of one of the finest suites in the home.

On her return to Gwynedd Valley after an absence of several days, Miss Bourne discovered her jewels missing. She consulted her sister and Mr. Strassburger, and the State police were called in.

Maid Yields to Questions

When domestics in the chateau were quizzed by the police they said the maid showed extreme nervousness. With this lead they investigated and battered her with questions until her self-control broke.

Two State troopers went to the maid's room in the servants' wing, and, following her directions, found the tiara and the necklace hidden in a closet.

"I am going to try to have the girl deported," said Mr. Strassburger today. "She has been in this country five months and came to us from a New York State jail. She had good references. I am going to look into that side of the matter."

"I don't believe she was 'planted' by a bank thief," he said. "I am more inclined to believe she is a kleptomaniac and could not resist taking the jewels when she discovered them in the bureau drawer."

"I did not want any publicity given the robbery and asked the State police to withhold my name. The reason was that I did not want our place a target for crooks. I might have had to shoot some of them."

He Could Shoot All Right

Mr. Strassburger's past record shows he would be entirely capable of dealing with a burglar discovered at Normandy Farm. He is a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis and while an ensign gained recognition for a deed of heroism on board the battleship North Dakota.

A boiler had burst on the battleship, killing three men and endangering the lives of many others. Mr. Strassburger rushed into the boiler room, turned off a valve and cut off the rush of deadly, scalding steam. Later he was promoted to lieutenant and still later made naval aide to President Roosevelt.

After resigning from the Navy he served as Consul General in several European countries and as a Secretary of Legation at Bucharest and of the Embassy at Tokio.

Mrs. Strassburger in 1919 inherited \$4,000,000 from the estate of her father, Commodore Bourne, who was head of the Singer Manufacturing Co. and director of many big corporations.

Miss Bourne goes home

Miss Bourne left Normandy Farm this morning and returned to her Long Island home.

The robbery at the Strassburger home reveals other big jewel thefts in this section recently. The most sensational was that of jewels valued at \$325,000 from the home of George H. McFadden, Jr., at Villanova.

Those jewels, including a pearl necklace, disappeared from Mrs. McFadden's boudoir. A French governess, Madame Jeanne Aubert, and a French maid, Mile. Blanche Magitt, were arrested and charged with the theft, but were subsequently freed by a magistrate.

Other jewel robberies occurred October 8, 1920, at the home of Mrs. W. S. Sackett Duell, of Meadowbrook, Pa., where \$20,000 of jewels were taken, and October 28, 1920, when gems valued at \$90,000 were stolen from the home of A. J. Antio Deveroux at Oreland, Pa.